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SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: That is why we are in difficulties. Such re-instatement would not have been made without the knowledge of the Inspector of Local Boards. In order to give time to the Hon. Minister to ascertain the facts and to collect necessary information, I request that half an hour debate might be allowed for this question and it can be taken up to-morrow.

SRI M. WILLIAM: May I know further, who is the appointing authority or who has re-appointed him?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: In the information given to me, they have told that he is re-instated. If the hon. Member wants more information, I will enquire and then tell.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Regarding half an hour debate, it is not necessary, because the Hon. Minister is not in a position to explain very clearly. I have allowed enough time for supplementaries. I will allow one or more supplementaries to elicit information from the Hon. Minister. Hon. Member Sri T. S. Ramaswamy can also give notice of a separate question if he wants.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMY: I can put it only in the next session. The Hon. Minister has said that she is not having sufficient facts with her at the moment. What is the use of putting supplementaries?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: I may suggest that arising out of the answers given by the Hon. Minister, the hon. Member can give notice of another question which could be answered during the next session.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMY: I know as a matter of fact that this gentleman was convicted and underwent imprisonment for one year. He was re-instated afterwards. May I know whether the suspension was due to a second offence? May I know whether the Government will look into the matter, reconsider the matter and review the whole thing?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: If necessary, Government will re-consider.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: May I know from the Hon. Minister whether she has any information whether this man was re-employed after release or whether the period of imprisonment was treated as extra-ordinary leave?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: I have no information about it.

Nurses in service (marriage)

* 1160 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether nurses in Government hospitals are allowed to marry while in service?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: Yes, except during contract period service.

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SRI A. A. RASHEED : Is it not a fact that unmarried nurses are more efficient in the discharge of their duties?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Yes, since they have no distractions by others.

SRI T. T. DANIEL : Is it not a fact that married nurses are working properly in private hospitals and if so, will the Government make it compulsory for all unmarried nurses working in Government hospitals to marry?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I do not know why it should be made compulsory. In the case of married personnel, there is one difficulty. Very often the question of maternity leave arises.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : What is the number of persons who have been allowed to marry while in service in Government hospitals?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I do not have figures. They are not allowed to marry during the contract period of service. Afterwards they are allowed to marry.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : May I know the reason for prohibiting marriage of nurses, apart from the one given by the Hon. Minister?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : We require undivided attention to the patients. In the case of married nurses, there is division of affection.

SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : கல்யாணம் ஆகாத நர்ஸுகளை அனுமதிப்பதினால், அந்த 'மெடர்னிடி' பற்றி அனுபவ பூர்வமாக அவர்களுக்கு ஒரு அனுபவமும் ஏற்படாது என்பதை கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் உணருகிறார்களா? ஆகவே, கல்யாணம் செய்து கொள்ளாத அளவுக்கு அனுமதிக்கிற காரணத்தினால், தவறுகள் ஏற்படும் என்பதை உணர்ந்து எல்லோருக்குமே கல்யாணம் செய்துகொள்வதற்கு அனுமதி கொடுக்கப்படுமா?

(பதில் இல்லை.)

Hospital workers (weekly holidays)

* 1161 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMY (on behalf of SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a Government Order Ms. No. 2565, Health, dated 11th August 1959 was issued stating that weekly holidays should be given to hospital workers in the City;

(*b*) if so, whether it is being implemented;

(*c*) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(*d*) when it will be implemented?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) & (*d*) Do not arise.